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New Bedford Superintendent Search Committee Announces Online Survey is Now Available

New Bedford, Massachusetts- The New Bedford Superintendent Search Committee announced today the availability of an online survey, another way the public can weigh in on the selection criteria for the new superintendent of New Bedford Public Schools as well as share opinions and ideas regarding the future of the school department. In addition to the focus groups and community forums, the online survey allows each community member every opportunity to convey his or her opinions and ideas to the New Bedford School Committee.

The online survey is available in English, Spanish, and Portuguese and was developed by a research team lead by Kenneth L. Manning, Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. The team also included political science Professors Doug Roscoe and Shannon Jenkins.

“In doing this study, we will be able to provide fair and accurate information on the community's goals and objectives for New Bedford public schools,” said Professor Manning. “We are excited about the opportunity to use our expertise and knowledge on a project that will help the city.”

Mayor Scott W. Lang emphasized the importance of public input to the selection process. “We encourage New Bedford residents to take advantage of this online survey as it is another opportunity for the School Committee to learn the public’s assessment of the strengths and challenges in our school system as well as the characteristics and qualities they would like to see in the next Superintendent of New Bedford Public Schools,” remarked Mayor Scott W. Lang.

The online survey is available at the following website: www.umassd.edu/schoolsurvey. A link to the survey can also be found on the City of New Bedford website, www.NewBedford-ma.gov.

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